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November 12, 2004

Doug Bosco, Chair State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 11th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to convey my strong support for American Land Conservancy's project to acquire the Piedras Blancas Motel property in San Luis Obispo County for public benefit. This property is the last unprotected private in-holding west of Highway One along the 18-mile coastline of the Hearst Ranch.

This acquisition is an incredible opportunity to complete the protection of the entire Hearst Ranch coastline. When the Hearst Ranch conservation project is completed, the 20-acre motel property will be the only property not protected from further development. Given that significant coverage rights exist and are underutilized, there is a significant risk that the landowner will sell the property to a developer who will expand the motel facilities on the property. Moreover, the motel does not allow public access to the two sandy beaches along the property, making these beaches an exception along the 18-mile coastline of the Hearst Ranch. Finally, at several points along the coast, the property is under heavy erosion pressure. Acquisition of the property will avoid future shoreline armoring to protect existing structures and will allow for appropriate re-use of structures not threatened by erosion for public use.

If acquired, much of the existing development can be removed, thereby permitting restoration of natural habitat and the scenic enhancement of this gorgeous stretch of California's central coast. Your action to help acquire this important property will safeguard the \$95,000,000 state and federal investment in the protection of the Hearst Ranch and enhance public access in the area.

Sincerely,

Senator Bruce McPherson

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Other letters of support to be mailed separately or hand delivered to the Board meeting.